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SUBJECT: INTERACADEMY EXCHANGES

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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO LARRY MITCHELL, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, FROM MURRAY TODD:

RECEPTION OF TODD BY AND TALKS WITH SOVIET ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVES SATISFACTORY. BOTH SKRYABIN AND KULAKOV OUT OF CITY. TODD SPENT FIVE HOURS WITH Y. I. RAKOVSKIY, N. I. BELYAEV, A.N. KHARITONOV, AND PYTOR VARES.

2. INFORMATION ON NATHANSON NOT RECEIVED UNTIL AFTER TALKS CONCLUDED. UPON NOTIFICATION OF MITCHELL CABLE TODD RETURNED TO ACADEMY AND TALKED TO KHARITONOV AND VARES IMPRESSING THEM WITH GRAVITY OF SITUATION FROM NAS STANDPOINT. THEY PLAN TO RAISE ISSUE WITH SKRYABIN MONDAY SEPT 5 WHEN HE RETURNS. THEY EXPECT HE WILL DISCUSS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT SEEM DOUBTFUL OF RESULTS. TODD STRESSED THIS CAN BECOME A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED CASE VERY QUICKLY WHETHER OR NOT NAS WANTS IT TO AND THAT HE WILL URGE IT BE KEPT QUIET UNTIL SKRYABIN HAS TIME TO ACT ALSO POINTING OUT NAS NEEDS WORD FROM SKRYABIN
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VERY PROMPTLY.

3. KHARITONOV AND VARES SEEM GENUINELY UPSET AND CLAIM SOVIET ACADEMY DOES NOT CHECK EXCHANGE VISITORS WITH MINISTRY BEFORE ACCEPTING. TODD POINTED OUT AWKWARDNESS FOR NAS NOT BEING ABLE TO ASSURE AMERICAN APPLICANTS THAT ONCE ACCEPTED THEY WILL

BE ADMITTED. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE POINT BUT DO NOT HAVE A SOLUTION.

4. TODD AND SCIENCE COUNSELOR GREENBERG HAVE DISCUSSED FURTHER STEPS EMBASSY CAN TAKE. HE ALSO SUGGESTS MITCHELL ASK HANDLER TO CABLE SKRYABIN EMPHASIZING NAS NEED TO RELY ON SOVIET ACADEMY NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FURTHER SUGGEST NATHANSON BE ASKED IF HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR ANY PAST ACTIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED REFUSAL OF VISA. EMBASSY ALSO NEED TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANY EQUIVALENT INSTANCE ON NAS SIDE THAT CAN BE USED BY SOVIET ACADEMY AS COUNTER.

5. SOVIET ACADEMY REPRESENTATION PROFESS IGNORANCE, BUT ASSUME NATHANSON 1973 VISIT WAS TROUBLESOME. TODD EXPLAINED NAS IN NO POSITION TO ASSESS PAST VISITS TO USSR OF EXCHANGE APPLICANTS AND MUST CONSIDER SOVIET ACADEMY RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE NOW AND IN FUTURE. TODD POINTED OUT NAS DOES NOT QUESTION RIGHT OF MINISTRY TO REFUSE VISA BUT SUGGESTED, IS NECESSARY, SOVIET ACADEMY ARRANGE FOR MINISTRY APPROVAL BEFORE SENDING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE.

6. OTHER MATTERS: RAKOVSKIY EXTRAORDINARILY PERSISTENT ABOUT RECEIVING SIDE PAYS PRINCIPLE
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AND STRAIGHTFORWARDLY LINKED IT TO SOVIET ACADEMY REQUIREMENT TO PAY DOLLARS TO INTOURIST FOR FAMILY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EXCHANGEES OUTSIDE CITIES WHERE ACADEMY HAS HOUSING. AGREED THIS IS A MATTER TO SETTLE IN NEW EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

7. RAKOVSKIY ALSO AGREED TO RESPOND TO LETTERS RE PARA 9 AND 10 VISITORS, AND TO NON-SOVIET ACADEMY INSTITUTE PSYCHOLOGISTS PARTICIPATING IN THAT EXCHANGE IF OTHER INSTITUTIONS; MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND MOSCOW UNIVERSITY, WILLING.

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8. SCIENCE POLICY DELEGATION EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO U.S. OCT 11 AND WILL TRY TO SEND LIST OF NEW TOPICS BEFORE ARRIVAL. TODD SAID NAS WILL CABLE ITS LIST AFTER SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NAS COMMITTEE.

9. RAKOVSKIY HAS CABLED NAS THAT READY TO RECEIVE LASER PLASMA GROUP SEPT. 26 AFTER LANDAN MEETING. RE VISIT OF ACADEMICIANS: SOVIET ACADEMY PREFERS FEBRUARY AND SUGGEST NAS SELECT ALTERNATIVE DATES. NO EXPLANATION OF SIZE OF DELEGATION BUT ALLUSION WAS MADE TO SIZE OF GROUP HAMMAND BROUGHT TO U.S.S.R. IN 1975. AGAIN SOVIET ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVES INSISTED ON RECEIVING SIDE PAYS FOR INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL BRUSHING ASIDE TERMS OF CURRENT AGREEMENT AND OFFERING RECIPROCITY WHEN NEXT NAS GROUP VISITS U.S.S.R. TODD NOTED UNLIKELY THAT TEN NAS VISITORS WOULD COME FOR TWO WEEKS OF TOURING. RAKOVSKIY CITED VIST TOURS OF SOVIET S AND T AGREEMENT OCEANOGRAPHIC DELEGATION, OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER, BUS TRIP FROM WASHINGTON TO BOSTON TO NEW YORK. APPEARS NAS COULD SET LIMITS OF CONVENIENCE ON SOVIET DELEGATION TRAVEL. RAKOVSKIY SAYS CAN NOT BUY INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL FROM PAN AM WITH RUBLES.

9. TODD EXPLAINED NAS DOES NOT EXPECT TO EXPAND INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGE MAN-MONTH QUOTA AND
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CITED KAYSEN STUDY RECOMMENDATION THAT EMPHASIS BE GIVEN TO JOINT SYMPOSIUM IF FUTURE EXPANSION DEEMED DESIRABLE. RAKOVSKIY SUGGESTED 200 MAN-MONTH TO INCLUDE SYMPOSIA ATTENDEES AND TODD COUNTERED WITH PROPOSAL THAT MAN-MONTH QUOTA BE FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGEES ONLY WITH SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON NUMBER OF SYMPOSIA AND SYMPOIA ATTENDEES TO FACILITATE PLANNING AND

BUDGETING. RAKOVSKIY AGREED AND ASKED IF NAS PROPOSED EXCHANGE AGREEMENT DRAFT COULD BE SENT BEFORE NOVEMBER 1. TODD HOPED IT COULD. RAKOVSKIY OFFERED TO HOST MEETING OF NAS AND SOVIET ACADEMY STAFF OR "EXPERTS" PRIOR TO VISIT OF ACADEMICIANS TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT AND WORK OUT ALL DETAILS. TODD THANKED HIM FOR OFFER.

10. WHEN DISCUSSING PARA 9 AND 10 FACILITATED INVITATIONS RAKOVSKIY TOOK POSITION THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPT. OF SOVIET ACADEMY COULD NOT PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE BECAUSE MIGHT DISRUPT RESEARCH PLANS OF INVITEES HOME INSTITUTIONS. HE ALSO POINTEDLY NOTED THAT BULK OF INVITATIONS WERE TO SCIENTISTS OF "ONE NATIONALITY" AND IN LATER POST-LUNCH TALKS ALLUDED TO POSSIBLE SELFISH INTERESTS OF INVITOR AND INVITEE.

11. TODD TOOK THIS OCCASION TO OPEN DISCUSSION OF HOW THE TWO ACADEMIES HANDLE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES STRESSING THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER IN NAS AND HAS BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. RAKOVSKIY AND OTHERS LISTENED POLITELY AND UNDERSTOOD TODD'S WARNING THAT NEXT VISIT OF ACADEMICIANS COULD NOT BE AS EASY AS LOST, PARTICULARLY DURING POST WASHINGTON TOUR.
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